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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

July 10, 2007

Due to the recent fire on Santa Catalina Island, a lot of environmental repairs will need to be made expeditiously in order to prepare for the rainy season.

The Santa Catalina Island Conservancy has approached the County to become a public sponsor in order to seek grant funding from The National Resources Conservation Service, a part of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is my understanding that the Conservancy will pay for the costs associated with this grant and the related repair work, and my office will pay for the County's administrative costs.

This grant will allow for the repair of environmental damage caused by the fire and will benefit residents and visitors of Catalina Island.

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The activities authorized by the grant are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act as specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency that may be caused by the effects of the fire.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to take all actions necessary to have the County serve as the public sponsor for a grant submission to the National Resources Conservation Service in order to secure federal funds to assist in repairing damage caused by the May 2007 Catalina Island fire, subject to confirmation by the Santa Catalina Island Conservancy that there will be no additional County costs, other than administrative costs, which will be paid for using Fourth District unincorporated services funds.

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